

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

Yuichi KOBAYASHI et al.

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Filed November 2, 1999



Docket No.00325/FP/T-22-1199US

Group Art Unit 1741

Examiner M. Feely

CHROME PLATED PARTS AND CHROME
PLATING METHOD

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Applicants are submitting herewith an Amendment in response to the Office Action of December 22, 2000, which Applicants feel places the application in condition for allowance.

However, if the Examiner is of the opinion that one or more issues remain for consideration before the application can be allowed, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney to arrange an interview before issuing another Office Action.

In this regard, Applicants' attorney confirms a telephone discussion with the Examiner on April 30, 2001, during which it was agreed that a response to the Office Action would be filed, and that the Examiner would contact Applicants' attorney before issuing another Office Action if he feels that the application is not in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$390.00 to cover Patent Office fees relating to filing the following attached papers:

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REQUEST FOR PTO-1449

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

There is a PTO-1449 form attached to the Office Action of December 22, 2000, which is based on Applicants' IDS filed February 7, 2000. On the PTO-1449 form, the Examiner has not initialed the JP '193, JP '884 and JP '082 references. However, as indicated in the IDS, an English language abstract of the JP '193 was submitted by Applicants, and a concise explanation of all three of these Japanese references is contained in the present specification at pages 2-3. [Furthermore, as noted in item 6 of the IDS, the JP '884 reference corresponds to the GB '763 reference cited in the IDS; and the JP '082 corresponds to the US '786 reference cited in the IDS.] Therefore, according to current PTO practice, these references should be properly considered by the Examiner (MPEP 609).

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Under these circumstances, the Examiner is kindly requested to reissue the PTO-1449 form with his initials to show that all of the references cited in the IDS have been considered.

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